SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The interview was conducted on October 8, 2008 and attended by Examiner Melanie Hand and Daniel E. Altman.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

none

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claim 1

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Deutchman (US Patent No. 5,,395,379)

Proposed Amendments

None

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicant's representative explained that Deutchman did not disclose positioning the vacuum cup over an active bleeding site. Rather, in Deutchman, the cup was placed on the head of a baby being delivered. The baby's head is not itself a bleeding site.

Result of Interview

The Examiner indicated that it would be useful for the applicant to provide an explanation of how placing the cup over a bleeding site and applying vacuum leads to arresting the flow of blood. While the Examiner agreed that an explanation of how the invention works is not a requirement for patentability, the Examiner believed that such an explanation would be very helpful in understanding the claimed invention. The Examiner indicated that if the explanation was sensible, that no claim amendments should be necessary to achieve allowance.